

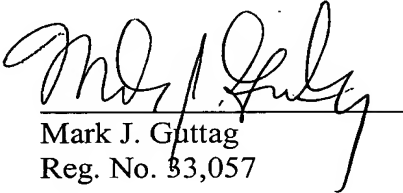
REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1-17 are pending. In this Amendment, claims 3-17 are amended to be put in proper numeric sequence and to provide proper dependency. No new matter is added.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding the present response, the Examiner is invited to contact Mark J. Gutttag at 703-591-2664, Ext. 2006.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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